

Minutes of the Finance Committee

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

Chair Haukohl called the meeting to order at 8:48 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Pat Haukohl (Chair), Jim Behrend, Bonnie Morris, and Joe Marchese. Genia Bruce and Don Broesch arrived at 8:49 a.m. Ken Herro arrived at 8:55 a.m.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Mark Mader, Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Labor Relations Manager Jim Richter, Principal Human Resources Analyst Terri Sgarlata-Lutz, Accounting Services Manager Larry Dahl, Treasurer Pam Reeves, Senior Risk Management Analyst Jeff Newcomb, Risk Management Administrator Laura Stauffer, Budget Manager Keith Swartz, and Senior Financial Analyst Mike Baniel. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Approve Minutes of 8-3-05

MOTION: Marchese moved, second by Behrend to approve the minutes of August 3rd. Motion carried 4-0.

Bruce and Broesch arrived at 8:49 a.m.

Schedule Next Meeting Dates

Haukohl said the next Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for August 23rd at 8:30 a.m. or immediately following the Executive Committee meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 7th

State Legislative Update

Krahn distributed and highlighted his 2005 state legislation chart dated 8-17-05.

Herro arrived at 8:55 a.m.

Ordinance 160-O-038: Ratification of 2005 – 2006 – 2007 Deputy Sheriff Collective Bargaining Agreement

Richter and Sgarlata-Lutz were present to discuss this ordinance which involved approving a negotiated and agreed upon contract between Waukesha County and the County's law enforcement employees who are represented by the Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA). Highlights include: a) effective 1-1-06, increase the Point-of-Service health insurance plan out-of-network deductible from \$100 / \$300 to \$200 / \$600; b) increase the out-of-network co-insurance from 80% / 20% to 70% / 30%; c) increase the out-of-network co-insurance and out-of-pocket maximum from \$500 / \$1,000 to \$1,500 / \$3,000; d) modify the in-network prescription drug benefit by adding a fourth tier at \$100 co-pay per prescription per month; e) provide a \$50 increase in the annual uniform allowance; and f) wage increases of 2% (effective 1-8-05), 1% (6-25-05), 2% (1-7-06), 1% (6-24-06), 2% (3-31-07), and 2% (9-29-07).

Haukohl advised of tabulation errors in the fiscal note whereby Dahl said a revised version would be submitted prior to the next County Board meeting.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Behrend to approve ordinance 160-O-038. Motion carried 6-0 (Marchese was absent for the vote).

Update on In Rem Foreclosure Actions

Reeves discussed this issue as outlined in her report entitled "2005 In-Rem Foreclosure List." The list included seven properties currently in the foreclosure process located in the Town of Genesee, Town of Vernon, Village of North Prairie, City of New Berlin, and City of Waukesha. The assessed values ranged anywhere from \$200 to \$220,000 and were either commercial properties, homestead properties, or small slivers of land.

2nd Quarter Status Report on Claims

Newcomb discussed his report entitled "Waukesha County Worker's Compensation, 2001-2005 Claims History Summary." By the end of the 2nd quarter of 2005, a total of 60 claims had been opened, 39 remained open, and the total incurred was \$146,257. Newcomb went on to discuss some of the larger claims that had opened and those that had closed.

Stauffer distributed copies of her report entitled "Waukesha County Claims History, 2001-2005." A total of 11 general liability claims were opened by the end of the 2nd quarter of 2005 and six remained open. The total incurred was \$54,103. Regarding auto liability, 27 claims were opened, 14 remained open, and the total incurred was \$22,195. A total of 11 auto physical damage claims were opened, 4 remained open, and the total incurred was \$32,743. With regards to property damage, a total of 12 claims were opened, 8 remained open, and the total incurred was \$279,925. Stauffer discussed some of the larger claims that had opened and those that had closed.

MOTION: Herro moved, second by Behrend to accept the 2nd quarter claims report. Motion carried 7-0.

Six-Months Status Report on General Funds

Swartz and Baniel were present to discuss this issue as outlined in their report entitled "Six Months – 2005 Budget Monitoring Summary Report – General Fund Operations." For six months of 2005, General Fund actual operating expenditures were at \$39.2 million or 44.6% of the total modified expenditure budget versus expenditures for the same period in 2004 of \$37.7 million or 46.6% of total 2004 actual expenditures. Operating revenues achieved during the first six months of 2005 totaled \$14.0 million or 41.0% of the modified revenue budget. This compares to the first six months of 2004 when revenues of \$14.5 million were approximately 41.8% of the total revenues earned for 2004. 2004 six-month expenditures and revenues include \$688,000 of special one-time grant funded costs for Homeland Security related purchases.

Report by Supervisor Herro on Strategic Planning

Herro said the consultant, Springsted, and County Executive Dan Finley felt an environmental scan of the public, elected officials, etc. was necessary in order to figure out where they are today and perhaps where they're going in the future. To date, the scan has been the entire focus of all the strategic planning meetings. The scan and a Q&A with Springsted and the County Board still needs to occur. A possible date for this would be October 11th at the County Board meeting. Five to six focus groups with 10 to 12 County employees in each group will be held to get their input as to how we can do business better.

The strategic planning committee deliberated over the next steps in the process, especially in the interim time during the county executive election process. One of the remaining goals of the RFP was to review the current strategic plan, its strengths and weaknesses, and determine how each department uses or doesn't use it and how it relates to the budget. Springsted says they could help with outcome-based measurements so they make more sense. There are counties around the nation that are connecting their strategic plan and outcome-based measurements with tax dollars. That will be discussed more in the future.

Swartz said how do we know if the next county executive will support this project and should the SP committee continue work on this and form recommendations that may not be embraced by a new county executive? Some Finance Committee members agreed that this could be an issue.

Haukohl, who attended the last public input session, felt the public didn't have enough information / facts in front of them to give valid recommendations. She felt more time is needed for discussion whereby other Finance Committee members agreed.

Future Agenda Items

- Examine 2005 Special Election Costs

MOTION: Broesch moved, second by Bruce to adjourn at 11:52 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie J. Morris
Secretary